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THE CAT IS OUT

Plot Against J. W. Ivey

A Strong Effort Being Made By
Certain High Officials

AND BY THE LIQUOR RING

A Partial Disclosure of an Un-
American Plan to Abro-
gate The Law.

Hon. Joseph W. Ivey, collector of customs for the district of Alaska, has come very near being the victim of a dark lantern conspiracy. At the lucky moment for Mr. Ivey, one of the conspirators, who had some conscience left, weakened, and revealed the whole plot. He backed his statement with such substantial testimony, and the corroborative evidence was so abundant that Mr. Ivey was compelled to take immediate action, and he has not let the grass grow under his feet.

The plot was to oust Mr. Ivey from office, in order that the prohibition law of Alaska might be violated with un-American impunity.

Mr. Ivey is placed in a very trying position. On June 22, 1897, he was appointed by President McKinley to his present office, and took his solemn oath that he would enforce the law as he found it. To do otherwise, he would subject himself to instant dismissal. Alaska, unfortunately, or otherwise, has a strict prohibition law. It was General Grant who said that the best way to repeal a bad law is to enforce it.

Mr. Ivey assumed the duties of his office last August, and at once began the enforcement of the law. There are saloon men in Alaska who endeavor to conduct a legitimate business, as they understand it, for, be it known, the government places itself in a contravening attitude. It will issue a license to anyone to sell liquor in Alaska, and then turn around and arrest them if they do. For years the prohibition law had not been enforced, and a large liquor business had grown up, much of the liquor being shipped in openly, but the greater part being smuggled from the neighboring British post of Port Simpson.

As a result of the enforcement of the law, many liquor dealers have been arrested and fined, and several hundred tons of liquor confiscated and sold. The better element of the saloon men, employed counsel, and have endeavored to have a high license law enacted for Alaska, which they tried to get incorporated in the Carter bill.

There has been a very corrupt set of officials in Alaska, which made it very difficult for Mr. Ivey to enforce the unpopular law.

A combination was made between certain of these officials and liquor men to oust Mr. Ivey from office. In order to do this, they proceeded to thoroughly organize, and raise the necessary "sinews of war." A corruption fund of more than five thousand dollars was secured in hard cash, and placed in the hands of competent agents for "judicious" distribution.

The conspiracy embraced a general plan of attack. Letters were sent to prominent U. S. senators and the members of the cabinet. Long petitions were obtained, and sent to the secretary of the treasury. Men were employed to walk the streets of all Alaska towns, and create public sentiment against Mr. Ivey, on the foolish theory that in that manner an American law could be abrogated. Many of the inspectors were approached, and bribed, and one, James A. O'Connell, the inspector at Juneau, was promised the collectorship in the event of Mr. Ivey's removal. Many of the inspectors yielded to temptation, and heads have

been falling the past two weeks as fast as Mr. Ivey could swing the axe.

The press was approached, and wined and dined, in order that they might color their reports against Ivey, and hold him up to the reading world, as a vile and terrible monster. In many instances, he said to the credit of the knights of the pencil, they refused to color.

One, Haggerty, who had made his living from fallen women in Skagway, was sent to Seattle to work the newspapers, and he it was undoubtedly, who inspired the column of falsehoods which appeared in the Post-Intelligencer of May 22 against Ivey.

Numerous letters were sent to Ivey's bondsmen with intent to get them to withdraw.

Evidence alleging corruption in the customs service, was also manufactured and forwarded to the secretary of the treasury.

The conspirators also planned to have Ivey indicted by the present grand jury sitting at Sitka.

In accordance with the plot, the Alaska Miner, published at Juneau by W. A. Boddoe, has been pouring hot shot into the customs service and Mr. Ivey in particular for several weeks past.

Mr. Ivey, when apprised of the plot, immediately set his forces to work, and collected a vast amount of indisputable evidence. He has the names of all the conspirators at Sitka, Dyea, Skagway, Juneau, and Wrangel, the amounts subscribed, and paid in, the agents who have done the "distribution," the persons bribed, and the details of the whole plot, and has gone to Seattle where he can communicate with the proper authorities by telegraph and mail, and it will not be surprising if nearly the whole official roster of Alaska is changed by July 1st.

Last week Mr. Ivey was here, when the information came to him of the treachery of O'Connell, he promptly went to Juneau, and, with O'Connell's successor walked into the latter's office. O'Connell refused to surrender. A hot debate ensued, in which O'Connell left the room, and Mr. Ivey installed the new man.

By the terms of the conspiracy W. A. Boddoe, of the Juneau Miner, was to handle the whisky business at Juneau under O'Connell as collector of customs. Each saloon keeper would have had to pay him a certain sum of blood money for "protection" for the privilege of selling liquors.

One man at Juneau pledged one thousand dollars toward the campaign fund against Ivey. One of the arch-conspirators is an ex-law partner of an unconfirmed federal official. They are mixed up in an attempt to blackmail a big mining company, whose directors have been aroused and are pushing a rigid investigation before a committee of the U. S. senate. The report of that committee will make a sensation.

Mr. Ivey has challenged the grand jury to go into his official record.

Now that the fight is on, it will be a hot one to the finish.

There can be but one result of the issues that have been joined, and that is, that Mr. Ivey will be the winner.

He will retain his office as long as he keeps his oath, for the president is determined that the law shall be enforced, and in this determination he is sustained by all law-abiding Americans. In the language of Grant, as has been quoted, if the law is bad, enforce it, and its repeal will come quickly.

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And Still They Come.

T. J. Case, one of the best known and most popular men in Southeastern Alaska, evidently has unbounded confidence in the future prospects of Fort Wrangel. He has erected on his water front property a handsome new store building, removed his large stock of general merchandise from Loring, where he has been in business for several years past, and together with T. G. Wilson, who for the past thirteen years has been in business in the state of Washington, has decided to open a general merchandise business in the city of Wrangel, to be called the Wrangel Supply Company. It is their intention to carry a full and complete line of everything usually found in a general store and to sell the same at prices that will astonish you. Mr. Case's family have already arrived and Mr. Wilson expects his family in a few weeks. It is enterprise like this that should be encouraged. These men have come to stay and the residents of Fort Wrangel should patronize them when in need of anything in their line.

Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber of commerce will hold its regular monthly meeting in the court house next Monday evening. It is especially desirable that there will be a full attendance, as business of importance will come up for consideration.

Decoration Day.

Last Sunday the resident members of the Grand Army of the Republic held memorial services in the First Presbyterian church. There was a fine literary and musical program. Rev. G. W. Kennedy delivered the address. On Monday Captain Bogardus Eldridge detailed a squad of the regular soldiers of Company H, 14th U. S. Infantry, which went to the cemetery and fired a salute over the graves of the soldiers and sailors whose remains are there interred. The graves were decorated by a committee of ladies led by Mrs. Duncan McKinnon and Mrs. J. Heil.

C. C. Stephens, son of Mrs. Bridge, and nephew of B. A. Stephens, arrived today from Seattle on the Cottage City.

The Teslin Trail Trains Travel

The Wagon Road Will Be Ready
By the First of July

WORK ON THE RAILROAD

News Items From Glenora - Russell & Co. Build a Hotel and Brewery

Mr. J. H. Russell, who, with two partners, has built a brewery and hotel at Glenora, was in town last Monday on his way to Victoria.

He went up on the ice, leaving here March 19th, and getting to Glenora on March 28th. His brewery is half a mile below Glenora on the townsite of the Cassiar Central railway company. He came down on the steamer Ogilvie, making the trip in eleven hours.

There are about 2,000 persons encamped at Glenora. Mackenzie, Mann & Co. have 250 men at work on the wagon road 12 miles out of Glenora. It was to be completed to the summit by the 4th of June. Neil Keith is the superintendent of construction. He told Mr. Russell that the road will be completed through to Lake Teslin by July 4th.

People are already packing over the trail from Glenora to Lake Teslin at the present time. Frank Callbreath took over the first train of 50 horses two weeks ago. Bob Hyland has sent his second pack horse train to Dease Lake.

At Glenora Mackenzie, Mann & Co. have four warehouses 50x100 feet stored full and three at Shakesville. They had cleared, when Mr. Russell left, about seven miles of the right of way out of Glenora, and have some two hundred men at work on it all the time. Just before Mr. Russell left Glenora, Frank Callbreath sent word that his pack horse train is going through all right, and that the trail was a little soft on the summit.

J. H. Brownlee, a government surveyor, arrived on the 6th of May from Lake Teslin. He reported the trail in good condition, and that there were from five to six inches of grass on the Tahltan river flats, and some snow on the summits of Cowcatch and Nahlin, but that is gone by this time. Mr. Brownlee started on his return trip to Lake Teslin with a pack horse train last Sunday.

Mr. Russell expressed his indignation at a report in a recent issue of the Seattle Times stating that food

was a \$1.50 a pound at Glenora. He said that first-class meals are to be had for 50 cents. There has been no snow in Glenora for six weeks, and the climate is clear, warm and sunny.

The water in the river is high on account of the warm weather melting the snow in the interior. It fell two feet on Monday night.

Pat Burns is keeping a butcher shop at Glenora. Kate Ryan and Miss Collins have a first class restaurant.

The Cassiar Central railway company has four warehouses 25x60 feet and two offices at Glenora, and three river steamers loaded with supplies coming up.

Mr. Thompson, the pioneer newspaper man at Glenora, is experiencing some unforeseen difficulties in getting out his new paper, but everybody lent a hand, and helped smooth the way, and an issue was expected this week.

Shoes at cost. Case & Wilson.

LOCAL NEWS.

The weather the past week has been cloudy, with one day of sunshine.

Mining and land location notices on side at the JOURNAL office.

The Casca is a new river steamer which arrived this week, belonging to the Casca Trading & Transport Corporation.

Copies of the special edition of the JOURNAL on sale at this office. It contains a full write-up of Southeastern Alaska. Just the paper to send abroad.

The steamer Princess Louise, Captain Roberts, arrived Wednesday from Victoria with 150 horses and mules for the Teslin trail. The animals belong to the Hudson Bay Company. They will be taken to Glenora on the Caledonia.

The Cuban war diminished the mad rush to Alaska, and the falling off of traffic has been felt here as well as at the mushroom towns in Lynn Canal. Fort Wrangel, however, is not dependent upon such temporary excitement for its being and growth. This is a natural townsite and there must be a city here in the near future. - Northern Light.

Last night the ladies of Fort Wrangel and Co. A. N. G. A., gave a ball and banquet to Co. H, 14th U. S. Infantry, in McKinnon hall. Some 100 persons were present and the affair was a success. The committees in charge were Mrs. Duncan McKinnon, Mrs. J. Heil, Mrs. Lizzie Sanger, Miss Daisy Barnes, and Miss J. MacIntyre, and Messrs. McNicholas, Stowe, Stone, Wilcox, Glover, Noyer, and Scott. The musicians were Prof. Geo. H. Edson and the Nordwig brothers.

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The new river steamer Iskoot, belonging to the Klondike Mining, Trading & Transport Corporation, was wrecked in Kuna-lon bay, ten miles south of the Skeena river, last Wednesday night. The stores and machinery will be saved. She was on her way from Victoria to Wrangel.

Malt nutrine. Case & Wilson.

The concert at the Presbyterian church last Thursday evening was a most enjoyable entertainment, and a success in every sense of the word, and demonstrated the fact that there is no lack of musical and dramatic talent in Wrangel. Great credit is due the committee who provided this treat, consisting of Mrs. C. Thwing, W. H. Porter and Dr. K. H. McAlpin, also to C. E. Ingersoll, the chairman.

Inspector Thomas Markham was on the steamer Humboldt Thursday bound for Victoria, from which place he will accompany Commodore Irving to St. Michael, and thence up the Yukon river.

Spiritualist Lecture.

Mrs. S. J. Lenont, pastor of the Spiritualist church, will lecture in the court house tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Admission free.

National Guard.

Last Wednesday night a military organization of 22 members was effected in the court house. The name and title of Company A, National Guard of Alaska, was adopted. B. A. Stephens was elected captain, H. E. Weymouth, first lieutenant, George Rinearson, second lieutenant. A committee was appointed on by-laws. The officers were authorized to wait on Governor J. G. Brady, and inform him that the company awaits his orders. A committee was appointed on the dance last night. Captain B. Eldridge, 14th U. S. Infantry appointed Sergeant Crean as instructing officer, and the company, through the courtesy of Duncan McKinnon, drills every night in McKinnon hall.

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Poker games are costly even for officials when they cost \$1,000 and \$3,000 a sitting.

What has become of that fifteen hundred dollar a month income? Why, the "shell" men have gone!

How about that official trip to Circle City, and the little matrimonial adventure contemplated in connection therewith?

Notice is hereby given that all official wine dinners are off from this time on. It cost too much money to stand in "wide push."

Southeastern Alaska needs intelligent prospectors. It is a good field for such work, but the prospector must be able to tell a chloride from a carbonate.

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The interview with Mr. Russell, published in the local columns, is well worth reading, and we recommend it as a good dose for those persons who are afflicted with the blues.

The Fort Wrangel chamber of commerce has some important business on hand next Monday evening. The matter of a government experimental farm and observatory, besides many local measures will come up.

We wish again to call attention to the necessary sanitary measures to be taken to preserve the public health of this place. The removal of garbage and drainage should receive careful and prompt attention.

The organization of a company of the national guard of Alaska in this place last Wednesday evening speaks well for the patriotic young men here. The JOURNAL wishes them well, and knows that they will be the pride of Wrangel.

MacKenzie Mann & Co. have 250 men at work, clearing the right of way for the Lake Teslin railroad from Shakesville out to the north. This is gratifying news, and is evidence of the good faith of the firm in putting through the railroad.

C. S. Johnson, district judge of Alaska, has not been confirmed. The reasons why are potent and the JOURNAL affirms that his appointment will not be confirmed. President McKinley has been sadly imposed upon in this matter, and there will soon be a clean sweep.

Did it ever occur to you that this place has manufacturing possibilities? Gloves, leather, matches, asphalt, paper, iron, tin, smelting works, quartz mills, etc., are bound to come, and will well repay the investment of capital. The time will come when Wrangel will see an army of workmen carrying their little tin pails. Speed the day.

Alaska has one official who cannot be bribed, corrupted, brow-beaten, cajoled, or influenced in the slightest degree to do wrong, and that official is Joseph W. Ivey, the collector of customs. With an upright judge and a fearless district attorney to co-operate with Mr. Ivey, it will be no trouble to place Alaska in the category of lawabiding states.

At his first term of court, Dis-

trict Attorney Bennett convicted every person who was accused of crime. Now, how things have changed! The only convictions are the luckless wights who have no money or friends, and who cannot procure able counsel, and who, in their despair, plead guilty and throw themselves on the mercy of the court. There is a reason for this great change. The JOURNAL knows the reason, and will make it public in due time.

Before Beddoe took the editorial chair of the Juneau Miner it was a respected paper, but since that fellow has wielded the pen the paper has rapidly fallen into disrepute. The JOURNAL has some letters from Chicago concerning this fellow Beddoe, which will prove interesting reading to our Juneau friends. They will be published in a short time.

The fact that the Canadian Pacific railway company is spending from \$5,000 to \$6,000, directly and indirectly, in advertising the Stikene river route, and has spent upward of \$50,000 directly in this place, should make us loyal to that corporation. It takes money to move things. With money Peter the Great built the city of St. Petersburg under far more unfavorable conditions than exist here. The C. P. R. means business, and is entitled to our hearty co-operation.

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A white ball or disc, hoisted to the top of a mast will denote that the channel is clear, and that a vessel may enter the canyon from the end at which the ball is displayed.

A black drum or square will denote that the channel is not clear, and a vessel must not enter the canyon on any consideration when the drum is displayed.

The drum and ball shown together will be a signal between the two stations for information of the signaller, and no vessel may enter the canyon when this signal is shown.

In the event of vessels approaching the canyon from both ends, the signaller, the upward bound vessel must keep clear of her and her warping lines, stopping and tying up if necessary to prevent collision.

In the event of two vessels simultaneously approaching a place where warping is required, the upward bound vessel must allow the downward bound vessel to pass, running out her warping line. Two long blasts followed by two short blasts of a steamer's whistle will be a signal that she is actually engaged in warping.

These rules will be established by Order in Council under the provisions of Chapter 29 Revised Statutes of Canada, and amending orders, and will have the force of law. They are not intended to supersede, but are to be in addition to the ordinary rule of the road.

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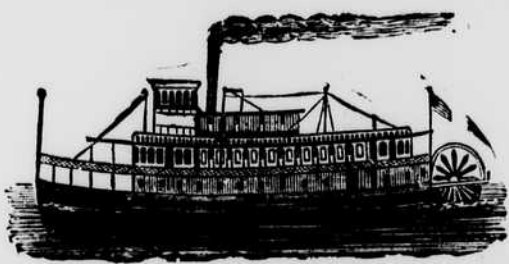
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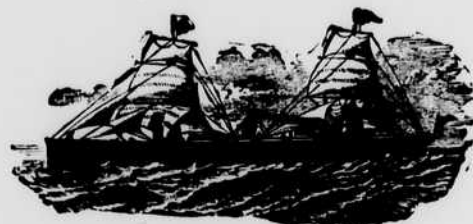
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Northern Light.
A recent journey from Jackson to Sitka enabled me to meet several of our workers, and glean something of the present conditions, and future outlook of the Missions.

The native church at Wrangel is in charge of Rev. Clarence Thwing, M. D. Meetings at church and Y. M. C. A. Hall are well attended. The boom at Wrangel has resulted in many of the natives disposing of their property, and present indications are that the old town site will soon all be in the possession of the whites. A plan is proposed of having the natives remove several miles down the channel and build a new town. To this place the mission church established for them would have to be removed. There is pressing need for work among the whites at Wrangel. To meet this a Presbyterian church for whites has been organized, and the congregation expects to be able to raise five hundred dollars towards the support of a pastor. If the remainder of his support could be provided for, an additional worker could then be secured for this needy field.

At Juneau, the native work is in charge of Rev. L. P. Jones, but the natives are being gradually crowded out of their village, so that they, and the mission established, will probably soon have to seek for new quarters. The work among the whites is under the leadership of Rev. J. H. Condit who has recently suffered such a sad bereavement in the death of his wife. He has taken his three children to friends in Iowa, but will return at once to continue his uphill, but most hopeful, labor in this city of great quartz mines.

A projected townsite and railway terminus has caused a radical change at the Haines Mission. The Home will be closed, and the mission work carried on in new quarters. Rev. W. W. Warne will remain in this field.

Rev. A. E. Austin, the veteran resident missionary of Alaska since the resignation of Mrs. McFarland, has resigned the Sitka charge, and returned to the East. In this field is the church for natives, and also one for whites, in addition to the Industrial and Training School for natives under the superintendency of Mr. W. A. Kelly. Arrangements have been made for the appointment of a successor to Mr. Austin.

The important field at Howkan, Jackson, P. O., is at present vacant owing to the transfer of the missionary at that place to Sitka. Rev. J. L. Gould, a former missionary, who still resides there, conducts religious services regularly. It is hoped that some one will soon be placed in permanent charge of this station. Such is a brief survey of missions visited.

The work of the Home Board has hitherto been almost exclusively among the natives. The results have been most encouraging. Many have been civilized and Christianized, much more must be done. In general terms the future of the native races can be safely predicted. Here, as elsewhere, in similar conditions, the Indian must adopt civilized habits or perish from the land. For civilization and barbarism cannot remain in close contact and both flourish. How great then the need of carrying to them the Gospel. But an immense task, in addition to this, must now be faced. The Gospel must be preached to the vast host of whites now pouring into the territory. Unspeaking dangers confront us if we fail to do this. The welfare and prosperity not only of individuals, but also of the whole land is at stake. In several places now the law abiding, and law defying, people stand face to face almost ready for battle. It is openly charged that some prominent officials are closely allied to the latter. Only the gospel of Christ can permanently subdue the turmoil and confusion that now reigns. M. D. McCLELLAND.

Mission Brevities.

Juneau.—The annual meeting of the Alaska Presbytery takes place July 15. Rev. L. E. Jones left on the "City of Seattle" for a brief visit to Puget Sound. Fred Moore, the native assistant, being left in charge of the church services.

Rev. J. H. Condit is expected to return from a flying visit to his eastern home early next month. His congregation are making commendable efforts to secure a new building for their growing church.

Sitka.—Rev. M. D. McClelland and family have removed from the Hydah Mission to Sitka, to succeed Rev. A. E. and Mrs. Austin who have recently retired from that field.

Dr. B. K. Wilbur has been called east on business of great urgency and the utmost importance. It is understood that his return to Alaska will be a wedding journey. The doctor and Mrs. Wilbur will be doubly welcome.

Jackson.—Mrs. R. R. Gould and her three Miss Jessie Freeman made a busy visit to Fort Wrangel the middle of May, on their way south to attend the graduation of Hal Gould at Whitworth College. Rev. J. Loomis Gould is keeping house and preparing a welcome for his son, at the same time looking after the interests of the Hydah Mission and attending to his own interests as well.

Hoonah.—Rev. A. C. Austin has followed the example of Rev. A. E. Austin

formerly of Sitka, to the extent of sending in his resignation. It is hoped that he may be prevailed upon to stay in Alaska where he is so much needed.

Haines.—Rev. W. W. Warne has welcomed another little one, the fifth of his olive plants, to his family circle. He now has four daughters and a son.

The 640 acres held for mission purposes at Haines have been sold to a syndicate who wish the property for townsite and business purposes. The buildings occupied by the missionaries have not yet been vacated.

Miss A. J. Manning and Miss Fanny Willard continue to labor with Rev. Mr. Warne and wife at this place. Miss Thompson is also helping in the minister's family. The manse and Mission Home are in adjoining buildings. There have been about a dozen native children in the home this spring. The adult natives have reaped profit from the rush of gold seekers and others to this neighborhood, by the sale of their water front lots at several hundred dollars each. The minister has been sorely tried by the almost unceasing appeal to him to adjudicate differences and render assistance in various material ways. The church work, however, has been very encouraging.

Fort Wrangel.—The whooping cough is now trying the health of the children here.

The Young Men's Christian Association is making efforts to secure funds for the purchase of a piano. About \$40 has been subscribed and a concert announced for the benefit of the fund.

Our Christian Endeavor Society has received eight or ten new members lately. The time of the weekly prayer meeting has been changed from Tuesday to Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock just before preaching service.

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The Second Presbyterian Church of Fort Wrangel was organized by some of the white residents the first week in April, 1917. E. E. Bennett was elected moderator, and W. H. Porter and L. H. Walker were elected deacons. The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered by the pastor of the native church on Easter Sabbath, April 16th. Six communicant members were enrolled on transfer of membership from other churches, and two joined by profession of faith. Many other Christian people were present at the service and have attended the church regularly since; but, being undecided about residing permanently in Wrangel, they have not yet sent for letters of dismission to this church.

Episcopal church services have been held on Sabbath, first at 2:30 P. M., but later at 8 P. M., and on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The usual attendance Sabbath evening is over a hundred. Early in May, Rev. Geo. W. Kennedy, a retired pastor from Oregon, who has been in the city for a few days, has offered to supply the church until the annual meeting of the Alaska Presbytery in July, when steps will be taken to secure a permanent pastor. Subscriptions have been made by friends of the church toward the support of a minister, but the funds are insufficient without help from the outside to provide a salary. It is thought that a minister with family would be most needed here. There is no other church for whites in Fort Wrangel and no other minister for them. Surely there should be at least one church with a settled pastor.

About fifteen river boats are now on the Stikkeen and they are making regular and repeated trips to convey freight and passengers from Wrangell, where the ocean steamers have to stop, to the overland trail connecting this river with the Yukon. Two hundred thousand tons of supplies for the Canadian railroad have to be thus shipped into the interior this summer, and as one steamer carries 100 tons, 200 trips will be required.

The importance of occupying this place by the church as a strategic point for missionary work cannot be over-estimated. Saloons, dance halls, gambling houses, the variety theatre and the brothel are here in force and with characteristic promptness. Many agencies are in operation to damn the souls of men. Should there be few to save them? We have the church, a gospel, a promise and the Mc-Clure building or Christian Endeavor House, "but what are they among so many?" Even these institutions might have their usefulness wonderfully multiplied if they were properly manned, "but the laborers are few."

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THE NITHEEN LIGHT has been conducted wholly as a personal venture, the editor alone being responsible for both the financial and literary management of the paper. While it has not been an official organ of the Alaska Presbytery or of the Board of Home Missions, yet it has been the habit of the paper to represent all the work of the Protestant church in Alaska as fully and impartially as possible. Contributions have been made to its columns by workers at all the mission stations and it has always been evident that the paper has not been published in the interest of any one particular field or individual.

A very gratifying degree of success has attended this publication from the beginning. As it was intended to do, it seems to "meet a felt want," and the demand has continued from year to year. The expenses have not been great and have been very well met by the funds secured from the sale of the advertisement. At a large of times, not much effort has been made to increase the circulation, or of income from the paper. The regular readers are expected to relieve the missionary-editor of such work. As the aim is simply to do good and help on the cause of missions in this neglected land, not to derive any personal gain, it is right to leave the circulation of this paper to help in circulating intelligence of it and in bearing the financial responsibility. Such aid is confidently hoped for in the future as in the past.

From this time onward, it is planned to have **THE NORTH STAR**, of Siltka, united with **THE NORTHERN LIGHT**, and to assume under the latter name from this office once in two months, six times a year. The price of the two papers separately has been 70 cents; for the two combined, it will be 30 cents, for single copies to separate addresses, and \$1.40 for ten copies to one address. Dr. R. K. Wilbur, editor of the North Star, Rev. M. D. McLehland and others will be associate editors of **THE NORTHERN LIGHT** hereafter. Improvement in the paper may well be expected. The first issue of the new series will be due the first of August. Subscribe now.

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" 11	" 11	" 11	Dryden	W. Elder	" 9	" 9	Seattle	
Trident	" 12	" 12	Dryden	" 9	" 9	" 9	Portland	
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